materials. Another project for strengthening 25 existing State Government nurseries for increasing production and supply of quality planting materials of fruit trees is implemented through National Horticulture Board of the Government of India.

(c) and (d) Under the above schemes there is no subsidy for the development of fruit orchards.

Violation of buildings construction norms and condition in high multi-storeyed buildings in Delhi

832. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any committee to investigate violation of building construction Norms and condition by the owners of High Multi-storeyed buildings in Delhi in view of fire in Ansal Bhawan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative, what steps Government propose to take to minimise fire incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of Foodgrains through Fair Price Shops

833. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that good quality of foodgrains are supplied through the Fair Price Shops in the capital only to rich people;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the sub-standard quality of foodgrains is being supplied through the Fair Price Shops located in the poor men's localities.

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to supply same quality of goodgrains to all the Fair Price Shops and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No, Madam.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No discrimination about the quality of foodgrains is done on the basis of location of Fair Price Shops.

Fall in ground water level

834. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that ground water level in most parts of the country has fallen considerably;

(b) if so, how far it has fallen in each State and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some State Governments have approached the Central Government for Central Study of the phenomenon; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government of India in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) State-wise details on groundwater decline are given in the Statement (*See* below). The main reasons are fluctuations in rainfall an increase in ground water withdrawals.

(c) and (d) No requests for a study by Central Government have been received from States. However, Central Ground Water Board is monitoring the behaviour of ground water levels through a net-work of over 8000 hydrograph stations.

Statement

Magnitude of Ground Water Decline in different States.

Name of State	Areas where decline observed	Extent of decline	Observation Period
1	2	3	4
1. Andhra Pradesh	Parts of Kurnool, Prakasam Cuddappah, Anantpur, Chittor, Mahboobnagar and Nalgonda district	less than 1 metre to 10 metre	1976-86
2. Haryana	Parts of Faridabad, Gurgaon, Karnal Mohindergarh, Kurukshetra and Sonepat Districts.	0·5 to 4.0 metre	1978-86
3. Gujarat	Parts of Bhavnagar, Mehsana, Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, Junagarh, Amreli, Rajkot and Surendranagar.	2 metre to 5 metre	1976-86
4. Karnataka	Posts of Kolar, Chitradurga Raichur Bellary, Bijapur, Chickmangulur, Bangalore and Dharwar.	1 metre to 5 metre	1980-86
5. Maharashtra	Parts of district of Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Dhule, Beed, Jalna, Nasik, Amravati, Jalgaon, Pune, Sangli, Osmanabad, Satara and Sholapur.	0·25 to 4·00 metre	1982-86
6. Punjab	Parts of Amritsar, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar Patiala, Ludhiana, Ropar, Sangrur and Kapurthala.	0.5 to 4 00 metre	1978-86
7. Rajasthan	Parts of Jaisalmer, Jhunjhunu, Sikar, Nagaur, Jodhpur, Jaipur, Alwar Barmer, Jalore, Pali and Ajmer districts.	0·16 to 7·3 metre	1978-86
8. Tamil Nadu	Parts of Dharmapuri and Ramanapuram district.	0 2 to 2.6 metre	1982-86
9. Chandigarh	Entire Union Territory.	8 to 9 metre	1976-86
10. Delhi	Parts of Delhi City, Mehrauli, Alipur, Kanjhawala, Najafgarh and Shahdara blocks.	2 to 8 metre	1976-86

Ruby mines in Orissa

835. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ruby deposits have been found in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work on this mine is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ruby deposits have been found near village Jillingdhar of Kalahandi district.

(c) The detailed exploration to assess the resources of Ruby in the area has been taken up by M/s.